

Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative: About Us



The Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative is a partnership of public health, planning and transportation professionals, and non-governmental organizations, from across Canada that are working together to create healthy and sustainable communities that support and foster physical activity, active transportation and public transit.

Healthy Canada By Design CLASP Initiative - Phase I

The Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative began in 2009 the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Urban Public Health Network (**UPHN**), the Canadian Institute of Planners (**CIP**), the National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (**NCCHPP**) and six health authorities, with funding from Health Canada through the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer under the Coalitions Linking Action and Science for Prevention (**CLASP**) program.

Between 2009 and 2012, the Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative supported a number of innovative projects that were directed at various methods for bringing health considerations into the land use and transportation planning processes.

These projects involved applied research, the development of land use planning tools, the creation of knowledge exchange resources, community engagement and capacity building among Health Authorities. They were led by six health authorities located in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the UPHN, the CIP, and the NCCHPP.

HCBD CLASP - Partners in Phase I

The Heart and Stroke Foundation (Secretariat)
The Urban Public Health Network
The National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy
The Canadian Institute of Planners
Montreal Public Health
Toronto Public Health
Peel Public Health
Vancouver Coastal Health
Fraser Health Authority
Vancouver Island Health Authority

By 2012, the Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Partners had developed new research, state-of-the-art tools, and resources that can be used to facilitate the inclusion of health considerations into land use and transportation planning decisions. CLASP Phase I demonstrated the positive impact that health and planning professionals can have on the built environment when they work together. It also demonstrated some effective processes for capacity building within health authorities and engaging citizens in planning processes related to the built environment.

Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Renewal

The Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative was renewed in October 2012 with new funding from the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. This Phase, which will run until September 30, 2014, will:

1. Broaden the impact of the Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative:

Seven new health authorities in the Atlantic Provinces, the Prairie Provinces and Ontario will receive support to work collaboratively with planners, transportation engineers and other stakeholders, to integrate health considerations into built environment policies where opportunities exist.

They will receive technical advice and strategic support from their peers, other experts within the partnership, and from a consultant with experience translating built environment health evidence into policies and practices at a municipal level.

Support will be provided for the development, implementation and evaluation of action plans that are designed to:

- Build capacity within the health authority on ways to influence local land use and transportation planning decisions;
- Foster the long-term sustainability of this work; and
- Produce tangible policy or practice outcomes within the timeframe of this CLASP project.

2. Deepen the impact of the Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative:

Building on the work from Phase I, partners will address specific challenges or barriers to the implementation of health considerations into the land use and transportation planning processes with projects directed at:

- Community engagement;
- Translating data into action to inform transportation planning decisions; and
- Applying innovative, health-promoting road designs.

Phase 2 also dedicates more resources to knowledge translation and exchange to facilitate greater peer to peer support and mentoring between partners within the Healthy Canada by Design CLASP Initiative.

For more information, visit: <http://hcbdclasp.wordpress.com/>

HCBD CLASP - New Partners in Phase 2

Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers
New Brunswick Health
Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Wellness Advisory Council/Eastern Health Region
Capital District Health Authority, Nova Scotia
Ottawa Public Health
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region
Alberta Health Services
Dalhousie University*
Memorial University*
University of Montreal*
Simon Fraser University
Montreal Urban Ecology Centre
Toronto Centre for Active Transportation
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